



RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATIENT MANAGEMENT POLICY

I. PURPOSE

To define the responsibility for patient care management in the prehospital setting. Within the ICEMA region, in the event both public and private emergency medical services (EMS) field personnel arrive on the scene with the same qualifications, patient care management responsibility will rest with the first to arrive.

II. PROCEDURE

- An AEMT or EMT-P may transfer patient management responsibility to an EMT for transportation, **without base hospital direction**, only under the following conditions:
 - When the patient does not meet criteria for base hospital contact and has not received ALS care.
 - When operating under policy, ICEMA Reference #5050 - Medical Response to a Multi-Casualty Incident.
 - When operating under ICEMA Reference #9060 - Local Medical Emergency Policy.
- The base hospital should be contacted if at any time transfer of patient management responsibility is in question or for any patient not meeting the above criteria.
- In the event of radio communication failure, an LALS or ALS unit may not transfer patient management responsibility to an EMT for transportation.

III. REFERENCES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
5050	Medical Response to a Multi-Casualty Incident
9060	Local Medical Emergency Policy